

WYCOMBE WIN CUP REPLAY

Sports Mail Special Report

DESPITE a desperate bid by Wycombe Wanderers' international Len Worley to be fit in time for today's third round F.A. Amateur Cup replay at St. Albans, Wycombe played the same team that drew at Wycombe last week. But this time they were successful.

St. Albans: W Fowler; G Legg, D Lawrence; B Nisbett, D Bromley, P Wood; M Gladwin, R Agar, B Butterfield, C Roberts, H Smith.

Wycombe Wanderers: J Maskell; D Bradshaw, J Beck; B Baker, I Rundle, C Gale; P Roystone, K Samuels, P Bates, T Horseman, L Merrick

Referee: J T Jackson (Greenford).

Worley fractured an ankle in a league match at St. Albans on January 8. St. Albans' goalkeeper, Bill Fowley, passed a fitness test before the match.

Gladwin had a good left foot shot which was saved by Maskell in an early St. Albans raid.

In the 12th minute, Horseman went close with a well-timed header from a Bradshaw free kick. The ball shaved a post with Fowley beaten.

Gale hit a long, hard shot straight at Fowler.

In the 28th minute, St. Albans winger, Smith, was carried off after an innocuous looking tackle by Roystone. Before allowing a resumption, the referee made an inspection.

In the 35th minute MERRICK put Wycombe ahead with a 35-yard drive after the referee had impeded play in midfield.

Smith returned five minutes before the interval.

Half-time: St. Albans 0, Wycombe Wanderers 1.

Ten minutes after half-time HORSEMAN scored Wycombe's second from Merrick's pass after good work by Bates. Wycombe piled on the pres-

sure and Horseman went near again.

Seven minutes later SAMUELS made it 3-0 with a shot from the edge of the box after Bates' low centre had been cleared.

Merrick had to have treatment for a leg injury and just before the final whistle Maskell made a good save to Roberts.

RESULT:

ST. ALBANS	0
WYCOMBE WANDERERS	3

St. Albans v Wycombe

WYCOMBE had the referee to thank for their first goal. He deflected the ball in mid-field and Les Merrick hammered home a shot from 30 yards just under the bar in the 35th minute.

City had been reduced to 10 men. Herbie Smith, the left-winger, was carried off with an injured knee in the 28th minute, but he returned just before half-time.

H.-T.: St. Albans 0, Wycombe 1

City emerged with Smith a left wing passenger for an uphill second half battle.

Wycombe went two up eight minutes after the restart through HORSEMAN.

WYCOMBE DESERVE CUP WIN

St. Albans 0 Wycombe 3

WYCOMBE WANDERERS fully deserved their F.A. Amateur Cup tie victory by three clear goals in yesterday's replay at St. Albans. They are away to Hendon in next Saturday's quarter-final.

But spare a thought for St. Albans winger Herbie Smith—the 5ft. 4in. scorer of the goal in the 1-1 draw at Wycombe—who was carried off after 28 minutes.

When he returned, virtually as a passenger for the rest of the game, Wycombe were ahead.

Referee Jackson deflected the ball in midfield and, as a result, Les Merrick scored a fine goal in the 35th minute.

Smith returned and such was the poor forward showing by his colleagues, he had the best City shot of the game.

Two well contrived and executed goals clinched the game for Wycombe. The scorers were Tony Horseman (55min.) and Keith Samuels (62min.).

City's outstanding performances came from their skipper Dave Lawrence, Dave Bromley, and Phil Wood—all defenders.

A crowd of 5,088 watched St. Albans first defeat in 14 games, and was the best attendance since they played at home to Enfield in 1962 in a third round replay which they lost.

Winger Smith had stitches put in a gashed knee after the game.